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IN THE CLAIMS

An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus comprising:

first display control means for controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determination means for determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

second display control means for controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, additional attribute information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails;

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed.

2. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second display control means controls the display so that said information associated with said one or more thumbnails are displayed in a semitransparent frame or on a semitransparent background.

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3. (Previously Presented) The information processing method comprising the steps of:

- controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;
- determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and
- controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, additional attribute information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails;

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed.

4. (Previously Presented) A program storage medium for storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

- controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;
- determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and
- controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, additional attribute information

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associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails;

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed.

5. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, additional attribute information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails;

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed.

6. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is a line.

7. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is a circle.

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8. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is an ellipse.

9. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is a spiral.

10. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is a polygon.

11. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a line.

12. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a circle.

13. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is an ellipse.

14. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a spiral.

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15. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a polygon.

16. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more thumbnails represent audio data, video data, audio/video data, text data, Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) data or software specific data.

17. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein a user is capable of predicting the size of said audio data by only viewing the thumbnail corresponding to said audio data.

18. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein said one or more thumbnails represent audio data, video data, audio/video data, text data, Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) data or software specific data.

19. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 18, wherein a user is capable of predicting the size of said audio data by only viewing the thumbnail corresponding to said audio data.

20. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus comprising:

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first display control means for controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determination means for determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

second display control means for controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, additional attribute information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails;

wherein said predetermined shape is selected from the group consisting of a line, a circle, an ellipse, a spiral and a polygon; and

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed.

21. (Previously Presented) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, additional attribute information

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associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails;

wherein said predetermined shape is selected from the group consisting of a line, a circle, an ellipse, a spiral and a polygon; and

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed.